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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed on January 18, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following comments.

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is as follows: "The prior art does not disclose a watercraft comprising a water repellant sheet including first and second pockets for receiving ends of a support structure supporting the sheet above the watercraft and further including a sleeve for receiving the support structure and further including at least one strap attachable to the sheet and adapted to bend the support structure and also including means for attaching an engine cover, generally as claimed."


The Examiner appears to have misstated some of the limitations of the allowed claims.

Applicant's comments regarding the Examiner's statement are as follows:

1. None of the allowed claims (3-13 and 20-36) include the limitation of the support structure "supporting the sheet above the watercraft".
2. Claims 20, 21 and 23-36 do not include the element of "a sleeve for receiving the support structure".
3. Only claims 7 and 26, include "means for attaching an engine cover".

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Enclosed herewith are eighteen (18) sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-20) for the above-referenced patent application. The issue fee, due April 18, 2006, is concurrently being paid.

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